



SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

- Veteran's Spotlight - Norman Lawrence



Norman Lawrence was awarded the Purple Heart with seven Bronze Stars for his service to our country.

Norman's Favorites

PET- German Shepherd &
Collie

COLOR - Red

FOOD - Steak & Baked Potato
SPORTS TEAM - Cardinals

Norman Lawrence is the type of man that once you meet, you won't soon forget him. He has had a very active life. He graduated from Stanton High School just down I-44. His summer job as a cave tour guide at Meramec Caverns was always an adventure. Once at age 17 while giving a tour, he heard a man yelling for help. Lawrence saw the man being sucked in by the turning waters and jumped in to save him, clothes and all. He grasped the man's foot and pulled him to safety.

At around 22 yrs of age, the draft pulled his number. Norman fought in the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium. In this battle, he received injuries twice in one day.

The 3rd Chemical Mortar Battalion derailed a locomotive with their tank. This locomotive had approximately 100 Jewish people being transported to their deaths. His battalion used fire axes to free them. Norman saw Hitler's bunker the day Russians were digging it up to verify Hitler's death.

Norman married Mildred and together they had three girls. He worked at World Warner as a push pressman. He spent his off time tending to beef cattle, hogs and growing a garden. His first vehicle, a Trail Duster, was purchased new for \$900.

Norman isn't one to boast but spend a few minutes with him and you are sitting with a hero. He says, "I have saved many lives." He was awarded the Purple Heart with 7 Bronze Stars for his service to our country.



I Scream, You Scream, We all Scream for Ice Cream.



Canteen Volunteer Cheri Luna gives Murrell Montgomery a twisty cone.

Chocolate? Vanilla? How about both flavors in a twisty cone? Our Veterans are enjoying soft serve ice cream served fresh in the canteen every day. It's a sweet treat they've been loving since the home purchased the new machine back in the Fall. The Veterans get the ice cream for free while our families and employees can enjoy it for a small cost. The next time you're in to visit our wonderful facility, stop by the canteen and try an ice cream cone or ask for it in a bowl.

Administrator's Corner



Patty Faenger

Busy Year Ahead

There is going to be a lot of activity at the Missouri Veterans Home this year. We have three significant construction projects that will soon be underway.

To start us off this spring, construction began on a new generator and a building to house the generator. The new generator replaces the current generator which provides only partial power to the building in the event of a power outage. The new generator will provide power to the entire building when needed.

As many of you know, we have our share of power outages due to the weather in mid Missouri and having full power when these events occur will be a welcome relief. As this work will be mainly outside, there will be very little impact on the residents during this project.

Although dates are not yet firm, we anticipate the second major project will begin midsummer. This project will be the replacement of the current sprinkler system. This project will have the biggest impact on our Veterans as it will require temporary room moves throughout the project to allow for contractors to access the ceiling to remove the old sprinkler system and install the new one.

We have temporarily suspended admissions to ensure we have open rooms to make the moves to allow this project to flow smoothly. At this time, it is anticipated that the sprinkler project should take approximately 3-4 months for completion. Once the project is complete, admissions will resume and we will work quickly to return to 100% occupancy.

Following the sprinkler project, we will finish the 2010 projects with a roof replacement. This project is currently in the planning stages and the start date has not yet been determined.

We will continue to provide updates to our Veterans and families as we move through the projects. We will be happy to address any questions or concerns along the way as well.

Although it will certainly be a busy year full of challenges, our priority will continue to be providing the highest level of quality care to the Veterans who live in our home. As always, it is our pleasure to serve Missouri's Veterans.

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GROUPS GENEROUS TO OUR VETERANS



Ken Meyer & Dale Kluba of Amer. Legion Post #366 Booster Club give Veteran Dean Wilson a check.



Paul Schuler of the National Trench Rats Dugout #517 gives \$500 for Adopt-A-Vet to Veteran Michael Kozamczak.



Joan Mensio of the Indian Lake Ladies Aux. and mens group present Neil Maricle with \$700 for Adopt-A-Vet.



Stan & Nora Johnson of Quiltn' Time Quilters in Rodgersville present lap robes to Veterans Wilbert Pickles & Jack Kearbey.



The ladies from Hope Lutheran Church's "Stitchers of Hope" quilt group; Joyce Glatt, Betty Winders, Ethel Vargas & Mary Rice visit Veteran Harvey Lindhorst.



James Harker, Mark Mosrtson, & Paul Schuler of DAV 49 Waynesville present \$1500 to Veteran Francis Hughes.



Roscoe Maricle accepts a bit of holiday cheer from the DAV 49 Waynesville Ladies Aux.



Ladies from the VFW Post #3168 in Laquey, MO. helped Veterans send Christmas cards for the holidays. Pictured with Veteran Harvey Lindhorst.



Ken Wahle of the Goldwing Road Riders Assoc. presents Neil & Roscoe Maricle with a \$300 check for Adopt-A-Vet.



Sgt. Mjr. Timothy Gates & CSM Corbly Elsburly of the Ft. Wood Sgt. Majors Assoc. gives \$200 to Richard Sullentrup & Fee Parkinson for Adopt-A-Vet.



American Legion Aux. #624 Ladies of Sunrise Beach brought holiday gifts for some of our Veterans.



St. James Veterans Ride participants raised \$726 for our Veterans!



MEMORIALS

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In Memory of John Parker Donations by: DNR Employees Activity Fund.

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In Memory of Elmer Brown Donations by: Tops Group of Union (Betty Copeland); Kara Brown (Ruth & Vess, Vernon, Ron & Margaret); Mr. & Mrs. Charles Griffin; Elmer's Brothers & Sisters (Alberta, Dale, Alvin, Opal & Betty); June Gerling; Robert & Anita Beckmann; David & Brenda Nadler; William & Peggy Huxel; Scott & Pearl Davis; Tina Griffin; Tom & Linda Schultheis; Leona Brown; Pam Kinkeade; Keith LaValle; Lee & Lois Thater; Mary Griffin; Carpenter's Local Union 1839.

In Memory of Ed Huxhold Donations by: Michael Weiss.

In Memory of Stanley Zita Donations by: Barbara Mitchell.

In Memory of Herman Pope in Honor of Mann Rhoads Donations by: Tito Pope of Rental Resource.

In Memory of Kent Sanborn Donations by: Christ Episcopal Church; Dawn LaMertha; Gloria Hollandsworth; Don Clift; Myrna Rueff; Susan Mills; Brian & Deborah Castle; Steven Shields; Ronald & Clarissa White; Robert & Charlotte Gerson; Donald & Janice Johnson; Robert & Karen Collins; Donald & Patricia Oster; Jerry & Eunice French; Donald & Ann Siehr; Peter & Betty Jane Kinyon; L.O. & M.J. Christensen; Lawrence & Catherine George; Richard & Frances Mazanec; Hugh & Jane Bartlett; Bill & Merle McFarland; Anthony & Patricia Polito; Cassandra Herrman; Gina & David Draker; John & Kathleen Winn; Joyce Trimble; John & Helen Allen; Dr. & Mrs. Robert & Carolyn Bell; Michael & Rebecca Singleton; John & Friede Carstens; Micheal & Mary Sparks; John & Jo Sanborn.

Thanks to our generous donors for their contributions from June 2009 through Feb. 2010.
Please accept our apology if I have unintentionally left you and/or your organization off this list.
Your donations are greatly appreciated .

Newsletter Mailing List

Updating our mailing list is a continuous effort. Please let us know if you move or change addresses, if you are receiving more than one newsletter, or if you know of someone who would like to be added to the mailing list. Call 573-265-3271 or email Tara Peters at tara.peters@mvc.dps.mo.gov.

TAPS

*The
Missouri
Veterans Home -
St. James wishes to
extend condolences to the
family and friends of those
veterans who
passed away
recently.*

Beatrice Whitlock
Oct. 1, 1919- June 12, 2009
-US Army

Kordell Sanders
June 21, 1928- June 16, 2009
-US Army

Clarence Magruder
Nov. 15, 1917- July 10, 2009
-Marine Corps

Angelo Tsenes
Apr. 2, 1915- July 14, 2009
-US Army

Obe Wofford
Feb. 14, 1926- July 17, 2009
-US Navy

William Davis
May 2, 1921- July 18, 2009
-US Army

William Penny
July 8, 1927- July 23, 2009
-US Navy

Benjamin Bush
Apr. 21, 1925- July 25, 2009
-US Army

William Usery
Feb. 29, 1924- Aug. 2, 2009
-US Navy

Judd Choler
Dec. 1, 1930- Aug. 7, 2009
-Air Force

Warren Kampe
Apr. 9, 1923- Aug. 14, 2009
-Air Force

Robert Peterson
Sept. 2, 1920- Aug. 14, 2009
-US Army

Edward Simpson
July 29, 1931- Sept. 1, 2009
-Air Force

Edward Kottwitz
May 25, 1930- Sept. 23, 2009
-US Army

Guy Kinsey
May 9, 1918- Oct. 9, 2009
-Air Force

Wallace Markworth
Apr. 1, 1930- Nov. 16, 2009
-US Navy

Jimmie Tullock
Feb. 29, 1924- Nov. 17, 2009
-US Army

James Dailey
May 21, 1917- Nov. 30, 2009
-US Navy

Rollin Jerred
Jan. 16, 1926- Nov. 30, 2009
-US Army

Sylvester Patterson
Jan. 4, 1922- Dec. 20, 2009
-US Army

Marion Denu
Mar. 7, 1929- Dec. 24, 2009
-US Navy

Stanley Zita
Sept. 16, 1923- Jan. 3, 2010
-US Army

Elmer Brown
Mar. 31, 1932- Jan. 8, 2010
-US Army

Malte "Kent" Sanborn
Aug. 6, 1932- Jan. 17, 2010
-US Navy

Edward Huxhold
Oct. 13, 1932- Jan. 27, 2010
-US Army

James Schmitt
Dec. 6, 1926- Feb. 8, 2010
-US Navy

Carl Tramel
Mar. 16, 1927- Feb. 15, 2010
-US Army

Ronald "Lee" Miller
Dec. 23, 1935- Feb. 17, 2010
-US Army

Henry Hulett
Oct. 2, 1924- Mar. 3, 2010
-US Navy

Donald Arthur
Mar. 27, 1948- Mar. 6, 2010
-US Navy

Virgil Dees
Aug. 6, 1920- Mar. 9, 2010
-US Army

Albert Noble
Oct. 17, 1923- Mar. 18, 2010
-US Army & Air Force

John Woods
Mar. 30, 1923- Mar. 23, 2010
-US Army

New Therapy Group Welcomed to MVH



Robert Rensch is no stranger to MVH but he is back working with a new company, Sun Lakes Rehab. The new company now provides therapy services to all seven of the Missouri Veterans Homes. Just a reminder to families that Sun Lakes will need a new consent form in order to provide services to your loved one.

We'd Love to Share

Please keep us in mind the next time you need a program for your club, civic organization, or church group. We would be happy to come and present a program about the home, to include the admission process, volunteer opportunities and other ways to get involved. Call 573-265-3271 for more information or to schedule a program.

10th Annual Golf Tournament

The Missouri Veterans Home-St. James 10th Annual Assistance League Golf Tournament is set for Monday, August 9th at the St. James Golf Course. We are gearing up for our biggest fundraiser for our Veterans and we need your help. What better way to spend a beautiful August day than to play golf while supporting our local Veterans. For \$100 per person (\$300 per three-some) you get 18 holes of golf and a cart; all on course games including closest to the pin, lunch, beverages, snacks, a small tournament gift, prizes, awards ceremony and a reception! We also offer a handful of opportunities for sponsorship and if you choose to be an Eagle Sponsor or above, it includes your fee for a team of three. All sponsorship levels are listed below. Whether you sign up as a team to play in the event, become a sponsor, or donate items for our silent auction and prizes, any contribution will help us to reach our goal.

Join us as a sponsor!

The Purple Heart - \$2,000

- One threesome for tournament
- Banner signage at course entrance
- Recognition at awards ceremony and on all printed material

Eagle - \$1,000

- One threesome for tournament
- Special signage at putting green
- Recognition in event program

Stars & Stripes - \$500

- Special on-course signage & Recognition in event program

Liberty Bell - \$250

- Special signage in club house & Recognition in event program

Salute To Veterans - \$100

- On-course signage

Auction Items

We also welcome items for our silent auction.
Please consider donating products, services or gift certificates that feature your business.



Missouri Veterans Home- St. James Assistance League Golf Tournament

Entry/Sponsorship Form

- ☐ Please reserve my spot for a three man team @\$300 ☐ Individual Entry @\$100

- ☐ Please sign me up as a sponsor of the tournament. (Please circle your sponsorship level.)

- PURPLE HEART-\$2000 EAGLE-\$1000 STARS & STRIPES-\$500

- LIBERTY BELL-\$250 SALUTE TO VETERANS-\$100

- ☐ Please count me in to donate an item for the silent auction.

• NAME/COMPANY _____ ADDRESS _____

• PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

• Mail entry form to: Tara Peters, Supervisor of Volunteer Services, 620 North Jefferson Street, St. James, MO 65559.

• Feel free to call and reserve your team and/or sponsorship at 573-265-3271 ext. 257.

Stepping Back In Time

By Debbie Elliott

Our residents began to enjoy a new touch of home this past Christmas season. With a vision, planning and a lot of hard work, a beautiful, historic mantel and fire-place grace the lobby area of our veterans' home. Believed to be an original mantel from the first veterans' home, this priceless piece dates back to circa 1866.

Originally constructing the three-story brick residence for his family, William James named the mansion Dunmoor. In 1896, the Dunmoor Mansion was renovated to serve as the Women's Relief Corps Soldiers' Home for veterans of the Civil War. This historic home was demolished in 1966 to make way for a new laundry and garage.

The old mantel was salvaged and stored until it was displayed in the library of the Bushie Building, a nursing care building for Missouri Veterans Home residents from 1971 until 1996. The Bushie Building was demolished in 1996 to make way for the current veterans' home, and the old mantel was returned to storage.

After remaining in storage again for more than a dozen years, Missouri Veterans Home staff made a vision a reality as the 2009 holiday season approached. "The project was a group effort, but special thanks go to our maintenance department, specifically Ken Matthews and J.T. Sybert. They designed the fireplace and completed the rock work," said Administrator Patty Faenger.

According to J.T. Sybert, Plant Maintenance Engineer, the entire maintenance department was enthusiastic about the opportunity to be a part of bringing this historical piece into the facility. "The entire maintenance staff combined their talents and set out to accomplish this task. We set a goal of completing the project before our holiday dinners for residents and families that are held the first full week of December. We actually finished it before Thanksgiving. I am very pleased with our achievement, and look forward to other projects in the works to bring more history into the home," Sybert said.

Complementing the mantel are two sketches of the Dunmoor Mansion. These pieces of art were created by Lauren Christian whose mother, Mary Christian, works as a nurse at our home. Besides the Dunmoor sketches, Lauren Christian has five other historic sketches displayed in the conference room at the home.

"The Missouri Veterans Home is rich in history, and the beautiful mantel brings such a sense of satisfaction as it blends the old with new," stated Faenger. "We welcome members of the community to stop by and take a moment to see our new fireplace with the mantel proudly displayed," she said.

The old mantel now welcomes visitors, residents and staff as they enter the home. The area has become a gathering place for residents to reminisce, and step back in time with the warmth and glow of the fire creating the true feeling of home.



More Gracious Groups



MS&T Semper Fi presents Stanley Zita with Adopt-A-Vet Monies.



Patriot Guard Riders Donate Holiday Gifts to the Veterans.

Results Are In

We have compiled the 2010 satisfaction surveys and are pleased to report the overall results. Resident Satisfaction is 95% and Family Satisfaction is 96%. We value your participation and comments and will use your input to continue to provide quality care to Missouri Veterans. Thank You!

Adopt-A-Vet

Thank you to everyone who adopted a veteran for the holidays. Your generosity ensured our heroes had a delightful Christmas. Every one of our 150 Veterans received a warm, fleece vest with the MVH logo on it. (You can see some of our happy veterans pictured in the vests to the right.) Each also received a pinstripe baseball jersey. They also had a lovely holiday family dinner and a party a few days before Christmas. Your donation went to the best cause of all and that is America's greatest heroes...our veterans! Thank you for your generosity!



Thanks to Our 2009 Adopt - A - Vet Donators

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St. James Civic Club	\$76.80	Wal-Mart Store #101-Rolla	\$1000
AM Legion	\$1500	VFW Post #35 Aux.	\$150
VFW Aux. # 5923-Camdenton	\$900	DAV Chapter 49	\$1500
Veterans Motorcycle Club-Ozarks	\$500	Bowlers To Veterans Link	\$250
American Legion	\$2800	787th MP BN FRG-Ft. Wood	\$120
Telecom Pioneers- James Bottorff	\$700	Grand of Missouri Running Bare Aux. 5	\$50
AM Legion # 366	\$45.50	Ft. Leonard Wood Thrift Shop	\$652
Marvin O' Brien	\$100	K of C Four Chaplains Council	\$200
Delores Bouffard	\$100	James Bailey	\$20
Ft. Wood ANOC Class	\$200	VFW Post # 5923 Bingo Account	\$300
VFW Missouri Riders	\$1037	Harry Herron Unit 49 DAV Aux.	\$450
Combined Federal Campaign	\$1350	AM Legion # 338 Bingo Fund	\$2250
Disabled American Veterans Aux.	\$150	VFW Post # 3600-Climax Springs	\$50
AM Legion #366 Booster Club	\$200	Carolyn Tilford	\$50
Eric Durkin	\$100	VFW Post # 3770-Mountain Grove	\$250
VFW Post # 4182 Aux.-Hermann	\$25	Military Order of the Purple Heart 115	\$50
AM Legion # 347-St. Clair	\$150	Wal-Mart Dist. # 6069-Brad Frazier	\$1500
Farmers & Merchants Bank-St. Clair	\$50	Norma Huxhold	\$275
Highway 30 Car Club	\$1200	Korean War Vets #281	\$500
James Gregory & Mary Dudley	\$200	VFW #6514- Eldon	\$100
Wal-Mart Store #21-Debbie Thomas	\$250	VFW #5923	\$300
CBRN Senior Leader Course- Ft. Wood	\$250	VFW Ladies Aux. Roby	\$1732
St. James Veteran Ride Volunteers	\$726		



Wal-Mart Distributions Brad Frazier gives \$1500 to Veteran Dan Murphy.



Telecom Pioneers James & Anna Mae Bottorff give Veteran Bob McDonough a check for \$250.



Janet Fishback of the Highway 30 Car Club presents Patty Faenger with \$1200.



VFW 3770 Mountain Grove's Pete Lyman gives Veteran Harry Anweiller \$250.

WISH LIST

The following is a "Wish List" for some of the items needed at the Veterans home or by its residents. For material items, please call Tara Peters, Supervisor of Volunteer Services, at 573-265-3271 ext. 257 to ensure there is a current need for an item.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Two 46" Big Screen/Flat Screen TV's with wall brackets for A wing and B wing.
- \$800 to purchase a custom made TV and game storage stand for the Recreation Room.
- For Special Care Unit-New DVD releases (comedies and PG rated)
- For Bingo Prizes- Donations of money, socks, underwear, toiletries, soft candy bars and small bags of snacks or crackers and diet candy, T-Shirts (Sizes large to XXL), candy & packets of gum, Hersheys, 3 Muskateers and Reeses candy bars.

Annual Ongoing Expenses- Resident Family Picnic (\$1500), Fireworks display for residents (\$1,000), Resident/Family Holiday Dinner (\$1,500), Halloween candy-for residents to hand out (\$1,000), funds for veterans fishing trips, Television Fund-replace TVs in veterans rooms as needed (\$3,000), magazine subscriptions for library, large numbered Bingo Cards (\$65 for 25 cards and we need 100).

Director of Nursing News



Janet Anderson retires and Chanda Saultz steps up as the Director of Nurses. Janet decided it was time to spend more time at home with her husband, Phil, who is also retired. Janet served as Director of Nurses for the last seven years. She initially came to MVH-St. James as our Staff Development Coordinator in 2001. Prior to her employment at St. James, she was the Staff Development Coordinator for MVH-Cape Girardeau for nine years.

The staff and residents are grateful to Janet for her unwavering dedication to MVH. The kindness and compassion demonstrated to her staff and residents was above and beyond. We will miss having her as part of our daily lives. We have been fortunate to talk her into working for us part time as a relief supervisor so you may still see her from time to time.

Chanda Saultz has stepped into Janet's shoes. As Chanda was mentored by Janet, she is doing a great job of filling those shoes. Chanda is no stranger to MVH-St. James. She began her employment in October 2000 as a charge nurse. It didn't take long to see that Chanda had a lot of potential and she was moved into a leadership role as the Unit Manager on our special care unit where she spent several years.

Over the years, Chanda has developed professionally and certainly knows the ins and outs of the nursing department. She has great respect for our Veterans and will ensure they continue to receive quality care from the nursing department. If you have yet to meet Chanda, feel free to stop in and meet with her during your next visit.

All About Our Employees

By Nancy Maddox

The Missouri Veterans Commission and our facility have again recognized outstanding staff at the annual Parade of Stars event held at Lake Ozark Country Club Hotel. Each home selects employees to recognize that have honored and served our Veterans safely and with excellence as real team players - the number selected depends on the size of the home. We can send seven from our home. They were honored with an award of excellence for their unique abilities and service. Then Terri Tucker spoke on "Lead---Follow, Make a Difference" for the nursing department staff March 9-10, 2010. She challenged us to continue going the extra mile in relationships, listening, gratitude and enjoying life in the moment. We need to look through the eyes of our customers (veterans, visitors, family and coworkers) to see ourselves and adapt to THEIR needs. The "I" in team means first I must commit to being on the team with all my skills. We must never underestimate the power of one person, one heart and one moment to change our world.

The St. James employees honored were:

Tara Ayars, CNA lead worker days
Paula Davis, RN B core unit manager
Dianne Flagg, CNA, RNA, rehab
Darla Hearst, CNA evenings
Jennah Jackman, LPN evenings
Allyson Stephan, CNA evenings
Jodi Stroot, RN night shift supervisor



Our CNAs just finished a very successful fundraiser to send two deserving CNAs to this year's annual convention and awards banquet in Oklahoma City June 2-3, 2010. The theme this year is "NAHCAWOOD- Celebrating the Stars of Long Term Care". Fifteen of our staff volunteered to have a "pie" thrown in their face. Employees and residents voted for their favorite with money. The top six earners got the pie!!!! Then we did a 50/50 raffle to decide who would throw the pies and who would be the lucky winner of 50% of the earnings (employee Janet Brakefield was drawn for this prize). This was a great winter pick me up for staff and the grand day of "pie in the face" occurred at 2 p.m. March 5th in the main dining room to a packed house. With the two parts of this fundraiser, we raised \$1158.23. It was enough to send two CNAs- Theresa Bedwell and Becky Bush to the convention and to purchase a CNA trivia night team contributing \$100 to our Veterans Assistance League. The top pie in the face fundraisers were: Tina Hlavaty, RN raising over \$133, Carol Conaway in housekeeping raising \$121, Jamie Decker CNA raising \$105, our Administrator Patty Faenger raising \$100. Chanda Saultz RN and Joni Sullinger CNA were also in the top six. Thanks to everyone who made this a successful, fun fundraising occasion!



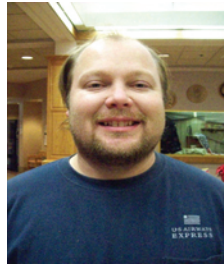
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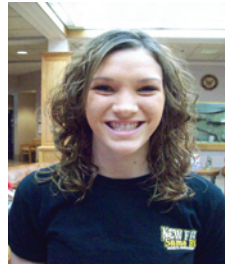
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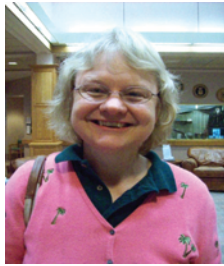
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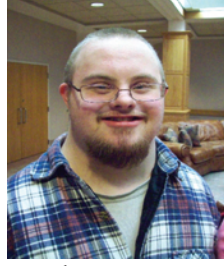
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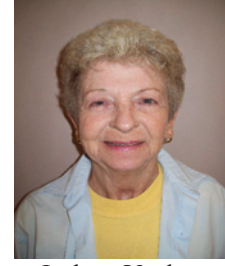
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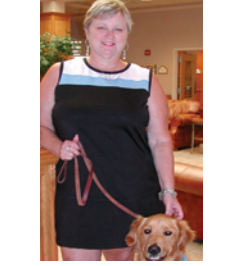
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Susan Hinkle & Mo



Candace Ludden & Jordin

Family Picnic June 5th

Get out your calendars and mark the date for this years annual Family Picnic to be held on Saturday, June 5th at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James. Come and enjoy the day with your loved one while enjoying a good old fashioned BBQ prepared and served by the MVH team. Look for your invitations in the mail soon with more details.



Show-Me Heroes

MVH has taken the pledge to hire a Veteran. Governor Jay Nixon launched the Show-Me-Heroes program to showcase Missouri businesses that are willing to hire veterans returning from the world's battlefields. Wayne Houtman of the Department of Economic Development recently presented MVH's Cathy Haynes and Donnetta Iven with a certificate for our commitment to the program.



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Apr. 30th -
Volunteer Appreciation
Lunch

June 5th -
Family Picnic

Aug. 9th -
Golf Tournament

The Missouri Veterans Home-St. James has the distinguished honor of being the oldest of seven veteran's homes in the State of Missouri. The home was first established in 1896 by the Women's Relief Corps. It's original purpose was to provide care to aging Missourians who had fought for the Union in the Civil War. We now care for Missouri Veterans who served our country and fought to preserve our freedoms. The Missouri Veterans Home currently provides medical and skilled nursing care to Veterans who meet the following qualifications for admission:

- A Veteran who served active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Have lived in the State of Missouri for at least 180 days (at any time in their life.)
- Have a need for services

Missouri Veterans Home Census

86	World War II Veterans
23	Korean Conflict Veterans
17	Vietnam Veterans
13	Peace Time Veterans
1	Persian Gulf Veterans

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